ഏപ്പെടുത്തി പ്രവൃത്തികൾ നടത്താമെന്നു് ഇക്കഴിഞ്ഞ ബഡ്ജറ്റ സെഷനിൽ ചെയ്ത വാഗ്ദാനമനുസരിച്ചു പ്രവൃത്തിക്കാതിരിപ്പാൻ കാരണമെന്തു"?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ.—ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു അങ്ങിനെ വാഗ്ദാനം ചെയ്യതായി ഓർക്കുന്നില്ല.

Public Ferries.

145. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House.—

(1) the public ferries in the State maintained or licensed out by the Government ;

(2) the rate of fare collected in each of such ferries for passengers ;

(3) has the Government considered the desirability of providing free carriage across ferries in the State excepting the Cochin Ernakulam ferry ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(1) A list is placed on the Council table.

(2) A table showing the rates is appended. (*Appendix V.*)

(3) No.

Coffee club in the Ernakulam Ferry Waiting Shed.

146. Mr. C. J. Mathew.— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) why permission was given to run a coffee club right in the centre of the Waiting Shed at the Ferry-landing at Ernakulam;

(b) whether they are aware that a good lot of inconvenience is caused to the passengers on account of the introduction of this coffee club for the location of which half the space of the third class passengers' waiting room is utilised, with the result that all the passengers are now forced to squeeze themselves into the other half ;

(c) whether there was the idea to conduct a coffee club within this building, when it was originally planned and constructed ; and if so, whether special arrangements to locate the same have been provided for ;

(d) what is the area of the space occupied by the coffee club and whether it was not actually used by the passengers to rest, before this coffee club was introduced ;

(e) when was the building constructed, when was it thrown open to the public to use as waiting shed, and when was the coffee club introduced ;

(f) whether they are aware that there is no passage set apart for the 1st and 2nd class passengers to go to the booking

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office from the place now allotted to them in the shed (to wait) and that they are therefore forced to go across this coffee club in order to reach the booking office ;

(g) whether they have any objection either to shift the booking office from its present place to the north-western corner of the building or to set apart a special passage for the use of the 1st and 2nd class passengers ;

(h) whether they are aware that there is no watchman or porter in attendance in the 1st and 2nd class passengers' waiting room, with the result that the few chairs and benches there are all occupied by some kind of loafers (as they may be styled) at all times of the day ;

(i) whether they have any idea to put a stop to the entrance of professional beggars (into the waiting shed) who bother and even molest passengers ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The necessity for a good restaurant was being badly felt.

(b) No representations have been received.

(c) There was no special intention to do so.

(d) 450 sq. ft. Yes, but the hall is spacious enough to accommodate both the hotel and the 3rd class passengers.

(e) (1) By the end of 1102.

(2) In 1103.

(3) In Chingam 1106.

(f) Yes. The arrangements for the counters are not completed. A passage for 1st and 2nd class passengers to go to the ticket office will be provided.

(g) Vide answer to (f) above.

(h) There is a watchman in charge of the building. It is reported that all classes of people are making use of the building. Definite instructions regarding this will be given.

(i) This will be seen to as far as possible.

Ferry landing at Cochin.

147. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) what action has been taken by Government to provide a proper waiting room at Mattancheri Ferry Landing place ;

(2) (a) is the Government not aware of the very bad and insanitary condition of the premises at that landing place, and the inconveniences that the travelling public is put to thereby ;

(b) what action has the Government taken on the representation about the same and the necessity for providing proper accommodation and waiting room there that was made on the floor of this House ;

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